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UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES  
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Dear Sir:

The above-noted application was filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.494, and in conjunction therewith a Notification of Missing Requirements issued on March 7, 2005.

The Notification indicates that an oath or declaration of the inventors must be filed. Please find enclosed the following:

- a. An executed Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application duly executed by the inventor, Josef Esser;
- b. A copy of the aforementioned Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US);

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- c. A check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the surcharge for the filing of the Declaration at this time.

It is believed that the enclosed material responds fully to the aforementioned Notice and if any additional information is needed, please contact the undersigned at (312) 704-1890.

Respectfully submitted,

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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 10/13/2004
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 10/13/2004
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 10/13/2004
- Oath or Declaration filed on 10/13/2004
- Copy of references cited in ISR filed on 10/13/2004
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 10/13/2004

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
  - is not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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